

Attachment 5

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

PETER POE, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GENTNER DRUMMOND, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 23-cv-00177-JFH-SH

**DECLARATION OF PETER POE IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

I, Peter Poe, hereby declare as follows:

1. My name for the purposes of the above-captioned action is Peter Poe, a pseudonym.¹ I am a Plaintiff in this action. I offer this Declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction.

2. I am over 12 years old, a minor, of sound mind, and in all respects competent to testify. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Declaration and could and would testify competently to those facts if called as a witness.

3. My mother, Paula Poe, and father, Patrick Poe, are bringing claims in this lawsuit on my behalf.

¹ Paula Poe, Patrick Poe, and Peter Poe are pseudonyms. My parents and I are proceeding under pseudonyms to protect our right to privacy and ourselves from discrimination, harassment, and violence, as well as retaliation for seeking to protect our rights.

4. We all live in Oklahoma.

5. I am a boy. My birth certificate designated me as “female” when I was born, but I am not a girl.

6. I was always very masculine growing up. I always had my shirt off, wore longer pants, and liked working out.

7. By the time I was 7 years old, I knew that I did not like the name that my parents had given me. I asked to be called a different name, a boy’s name, but that did not work for my family because they still thought I was a girl.

8. I remember being very confused when they told me that I was a girl, because I did not feel that way – I felt like a boy.

9. When I started to go through puberty, I had extreme anxiety and trouble sleeping. I would stay up all night gaming, and wanted to hide my body.

10. In 2019, I told my parents that I was not a girl. Although I was afraid to tell my parents that I was a boy, I knew that is who I was.

11. In 2020, I told my parents that I was a boy, and wanted to have a boy’s name.

12. When I saw Dr. Lawlis in 2021, she told me about injections of Lupron that I could take, and that those injections would stop me from getting a period or from my chest growing.

13. I am scared of needles, so initially I did not want to get the shots. But once my chest started to grow, I decided I was ready to start Lupron.

14. I have now been taking those shots for over a year, and I am scared about having to stop. I do not want to go back to having a period or having my chest grow.

Eventually I want to start taking testosterone. I am so much happier now that people see me as a boy, and I feel less like I need to hide myself or my body.

15. When my mom told me that there might be a law that would stop transgender people like me from getting affirming care, I almost broke down in the kitchen. I felt powerless.

16. I am scared about losing access to puberty blockers. I worry that I would feel less like myself and less confident. I am horrified of the changes my body would go through if I cannot keep getting my puberty blockers. I am also afraid of other people not seeing me as a boy, or treating me like a girl.

17. My mom says that we could move if we really needed to for my medical care. I had never imagined moving from our house, and it makes me sad to think about moving. I really do not want to move, or to have to drive five hours away every time I need an injection.

18. It's very scary to think about leaving my neighborhood. I get upset just thinking about it. I want to be a zoologist when I grow up, and I am saving up money to buy a tarantula I can keep indoors. Right now, I have a bunch of spiders that live outside that I take care of, and I am worried about what will happen to them if we move away.

19. I know that there are adults who do not support me. I think it is weird that there are people who want to shame me for being who I am. They do not know me or my family, and it's infuriating that they passed this law.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Cleveland County, Oklahoma on this 28 day of April, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Poe", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Poe